

THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER

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Indians in Arizona and New Mexico, for irrigation purposes and development of domestic and stock water, \$1,176,146.97.

It was also claimed that the Government has not provided the Pueblo Indians with sufficient water for irrigation purposes. The records show that there is under ditch in the pueblo country 32,682 acres, whereas the Indians cultivated only 17,334 acres of that irrigated land, leaving 15,000 acres not under cultivation. In addition to providing irrigation systems the Government has constructed, in recent years, 80 wells to supply the Pueblo Indians with domestic and stock water, at a cost of about \$90,000.

It was contended by the propagandists that but little money was being appropriated for these Indians, but it was disclosed in the hearings that there are specific appropriations for the pueblos for the fiscal year 1924 amounting to \$86,000, and that the Government expended during the last fiscal year, \$408,761.66, out of all appropriations for the benefit of the Pueblo Indians.

It was shown in the hearings that the Indian Bureau has caused to be added to the pueblos of New Mexico, by executive order, during recent years, a total of nearly 400,000 acres of land—to be exact, 397,193.27 acres.

It was also brought out in the hearings that the Indian Bureau is responsible for the legislation contained in the New Mexico enabling act, which protects the Pueblo Indians and that under that legislation it will be impossible for any of the Pueblo Indians or the pueblos to lose title to any of their lands after the passage of the New Mexico enabling act of 1910.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Pueblo Indians have never ceded to the United States a single acre of land, and that the jurisdiction of the Federal Government was somewhat limited, as is shown by the decision of the Supreme Court in the Joseph case (94 U. S. 614), until the admission of the Territory of New Mexico into statehood, and the decision of the Supreme Court in the Sandoval case (231 U. S. 28), it will be seen that the Government has been making liberal appropriations for many years for the Pueblo Indians. As shown by the hearings, the Government has provided generously for the education of the Pueblo children without cost to the Pueblo Indians. It has furnished them farmers and stockmen to encourage them in agriculture and stock raising; has provided a number of physicians for medical service, in addition to providing four substantial hospitals located among the pueblos, all without cost to the Indians, as well as furnishing them with irrigation systems on their lands. Also, it has made surveys for

further improvement and extension of irrigation systems.

Nowhere has it been shown that the Government or the Indian Bureau has been negligent in protecting the interests of these Indians and looking after their welfare. On the other hand, it appears from the hearing that the Pueblo Indians have been treated equally as well, if not better, than the average Indians of the United States, and that annual expenditures for the Pueblo Indians have averaged approximately \$50 per capita of gratuity appropriations from the Treasury of the United States.

Inasmuch as a recent act of Congress has granted to the State of New Mexico an additional Federal judge, it is believed by your committee that if this judge could be exclusively assigned to the hearing of the land-title claims of the Pueblo Indians it would not only be the proper but the least expensive and most practical method of relieving the situation.

LOCAL

Certain reports of local matters, crowded out in this issue, will appear next week.

The new dormitory begins to loom up, as workmen are now laying brick on the second story.

Douglas Rose, of Pasadena, Calif., a sophomore at O. A. C., is spending the Easter holidays as a house guest of Supt. and Mrs. Hall.

Harry Frost as a declaimer seems to have taken Chemawa by storm. His effort at chapel Sunday night was received with great applause.

The photographer is busy this week taking some sixty or more views of Chemawa, preparatory to the issue of the combination annual and booklet for commencement time.

Mr. Bent, disciplinarian, seems to have gotten a "new kick" into our band. Since he took charge some weeks ago our band has never seemed to play with so much spirit nor so well.

Mr. Greene acted very promptly on Friday to supply the judges for the Declamation Contest, driving to Monmouth, arranging for judges, and returning all within two hours. Fast work.

An overflow of two or three barrels of fuel oil from the receiving tank at the boiler house spread over the pond below the barns and makes an appearance of a lake of oil. A little oil on the water makes a big showing.

Cecelia Smith, senior, gave her demonstration dinner last Wednesday evening to six invited guests, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Sherman, Miss Peters, Miss White and Mrs. Brickell. It was a delightful dinner, splendidly cooked and served. A week previous Anna La Rance, also a senior, gave her demonstration, which was highly complimentary to her ability.